

## Post-box

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Words that are not my own I swallow.  
Words I swallowed I do not digest.  
I am a port where news patiently, silently waits  
To be sorted, to be delivered.  
I am old and indifferent.  
Infidelities and little domestic tragedies  
Do not traumatise me. In some countries  
I am the colour of adultery.  
I do not get euphoric over your success  
In getting a First or passing the driving test  
Or giving birth to twins after two sets of triplets.  
I am humble. I am essential. Just imagine  
What I can do if I could talk.

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